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LETTER DATED 26 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the French and English versions of the statement on Tajikistan issued by the European Community and its member States on 25 July 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

Annex

[Original: English/French]

Statement on Tajikistan issued on 23 July 1993 by the European Community and its member States

The Community and its member States condemn the current worsening of armed violence in Tajikistan, at its borders and in northern Afghanistan. They deplore the death of the numerous civil and military victims.

The Community and its member States give great importance to stability in the region and express their attachment to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Tajikistan. They call upon all the parties involved to show moderation in order to avoid internationalizing the conflict. They reiterate the importance of a strict compliance by all parties with CSCE principles.

As in their statement of 29 June 1993 condemning the banning of four opposition parties in Tajikistan, the Community and its member States enjoin all the parties involved to initiate a dialogue which is the sole means of achieving national reconciliation. They further call upon the authorities in Dushanbe to assist in the return and reintegration of Tajiks who have fled the civil war.

The Community and its member States consider that a global, peaceful and definitive settlement to the civil war in Tajikistan can be achieved only through talks between the States directly concerned in the region, in conjunction with United Nations representatives on the spot and with the support of the CSCE. They encourage the United Nations Secretary-General and the Presidency-in-Office of the CSCE in their efforts to that end.